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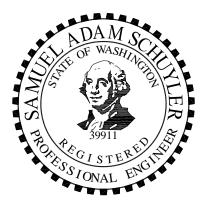
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GLOSSARY

100-year flood: The magnitude of a flood likely to occur, on average, once every 100 years.

Average Wet Weather Flow: Wastewater flow during period when groundwater table is high and precipitation is at its peak, generally the four wet weather months, from November to February.

Class 1 Stream: A perennial or intermittent stream that is used by threatened or endangered fish or larger numbers of other fish, or that is used as a direct source of water for domestic use.

Force Main: Pressurized discharge pipe from a lift station.

Infiltration: Groundwater entering the sewage collection system through defective joints, pipes, and improperly sealed manholes.

Inflow: Sewage flows resulting from stormwater runoff entering the sewage collection system, typically through manhole covers, roof leaders, and area drains connected directly to sewer, cross connections from storm drains and catch basins, and direct flows into broken sewers.

Maximum Monthly Flow: Average daily flow during the highest flow month of the year.

Mini-Basin: Drainage catchment areas within the North Creek, Swamp Creek, Picnic Point, Everett or Little Bear Creek Drainage Basins. Mini-basins followed the King County delineation to the extent of the County's effort to define the mini-basins.

National Flood Insurance Program: Federally funded program providing flood insurance to property owners in flood plains provided the local government meets certain criteria for management of flood damage risk.

Orange Book: Criteria for Sewage Works Design, published by the Washington State Department of Ecology

Peak Hourly Flow: Wastewater flow during the highest flow hour.

Sensitive Area: Area in which development potential is limited by environmental factors such as steep slopes, wetlands, and valuable natural habitat.

Sewer Lateral: A sewer with no other common sewers discharging into it.

Sewer Submain: A sewer that receives flow from one or more lateral sewers.

Sewer Main or Trunk: A sewer that receives flow from one or more submains.

Sewer Interceptor: A sewer that receives flow from a number of main or trunk sewers, force mains, etc.

Urban Growth Area: Area in which urban development must be contained, as stipulated by the Growth Management Act.



ABBREVIATIONS

AAF Average Annual Flow ADWF Average Dry Weather Flow

AWWD Alderwood Water and Wastewater District

AWWF Average Wet Weather Flow
BOD Biological Oxygen Demand
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CIP Capital Improvement Program

CWA Clean Water Act

DOH Washington State Department of Health
Washington State Department of Ecology
EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

ERU Equivalent Residential Unit **ESA** Endangered Species Act

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Act

FOG Fats, Oils and Greases

FPS Feet per second

FWPCA Federal Water Pollution Control Act ("The Clean Water Act")

GMA Growth Management Act
GPCD Gallons per capita per day
GPAD Gallons per acre per day

GPD Gallons per day

HPA Hydraulic Project Approval Infiltration and Inflow

JARPA Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application
KCDNR King County Department of Natural Resources

MMF Maximum Month Flow
MBR Membrane Bioreactor
MGD Million Gallons per Day
mg/l milligrams per liter

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OCD Washington State Office of Community Development
Washington State Office of Financial Management

ppd Pounds per dayPVC Polyvinyl Chloride

PWWF Peak Wet Weather Flow
RCW Revised Code of Washington
SEPA State Environmental Policy Act

SRF State Revolving Fund
TSS Total Suspended Solids
UGA Urban Growth Area

USFWS United States Fish and Wildlife Service

WAC Washington Administrative Code WWTP Wastewater Treatment Plant



Chapter 1 Executive Summary

1.1 Introduction

This Utility Systems Plan for the sanitary sewer, water and stormwater utilities was developed as a supportive document to the City of Monroe's (City) Comprehensive Plan. This Plan is mandated by RCW 36.70A.130 (5a) and is to be completed by June 30, 2015. This Plan consists of several elements including utility system plans for the City-provided and City-owned utilities. The Comprehensive Plan is being lead by Studio Cascade. The evaluation of these three utility systems is presented and bound in this volume.

Since there are elements that are common to each of the three plans, the organization of this volume seeks to minimize repeated presentation of the same information. Consequently, the first chapters of this volume are common to all the utilities and are presented once. The utility-specific information is compiled and presented in separate sections of this volume. And lastly, the prioritization of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the accompanying financial analysis is presented in a composite fashion in Chapter 12. The general format and presentation of this volume is as follows:

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Chapter 1 – | Executive Summary. Presents the projected loadings and flows for |
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| | all three utilities and a summary and prioritization of the CIPs |
| Chapter 2 – | Introduction. Overall history of the City's Utilities, organization of the |
| | system plans, and regulations that govern the utility plans |
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| | accompanying flows by drainage basin are also presented. |
| Chapter SS 6 - | Wastewater Conveyance Analysis. Mini-basin delineation and hydraulic model development and calibration. |
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| Chapter SS 7 – | Wastewater Treatment Plant. Evaluation of the performance of the treatment plant in relation to the NPDES limitations. Projected flows |

- Chapter SS 9 **Operations and Maintenance Program.** Define the O&M issues associated with the sanitary sewer utility. Estimate of the manpower required in the future.

and loadings are evaluated to determine the improvements needs to

- Chapter SS 10 Design Criteria
- Chapter SS 11 **Capital Improvements Plan.** CIP for the collection, conveyance, treatment and discharge components of the sanitary sewer utility. CIP cost estimates.



WATER

Chapter W 4 – **Description of Water System.** Describes the source of supply, water storage, pumping facilities, transmission and distribution and telemetry.

Chapter W 5 – **Existing and Future Population, Employment and Demand Projections.** Existing and projected population, consisting of residential, employment and student, are presented for the water service boundary

Chapter W 6 – **System Analysis.** Hydraulic model development and calibration. Identification of deficiencies and development of Capital Improvements

Chapter W 7 – Water Use Efficiency, Water Right Evaluation, Source Water Protection, System Reliability and Interties

Chapter W 8 – **Source Water Protection.**

Chapter W 9 – **Operations and Maintenance Program.** Define the O&M issues associated with the water utility. Estimate of the manpower required in the future.

Chapter W 10 - **Distribution Facilities Design and Construction Standards.**

Chapter W 11 – Capital Improvement Program.

STORMWATER

Chapter SW 4 – **Existing Stormwater Facilities.** Describes the watersheds and stormwater infrastructure.

Chapter SW 5 – Current Stormwater Management Utility Program.

Chapter SW 6 – Regulatory Requirements.

Chapter SW 7 – **Future Program Needs.** Review of the current program and the changes that should be implemented.

Chapter SW 8 – **Problem Identification and Solution Development.** CIP for the four known areas plus additional infrastructure that need. CIP cost estimates.

Chapter SW 9 – **Recommendations.** Define the CIP and O&M issues associated with the stormwater utility. Estimate of the manpower required in the future.

Chapter SW 10 – Not Used Chapter SW 11 – Not Used

FINANCIAL PLAN

Chapter 12 – **Financial Plan.** Presents a composite of all CIP and prioritizes/combines CIP. Presents impacts on rate structure.

The Utility Systems Plan reviews the City's current capacities and looks at the impact of projected growth on the City's utility infrastructure.

The analysis of the utilities was done using both the current and anticipated loadings and also evaluated the future of the utilities when subjected to tightening regulations.

The Systems Plan also identifies future facilities required to accommodate the anticipated flows and loadings as the City's population grows within the service area limits for the years 2021 (sewer), 2023 (water), 2035, and buildout conditions.



The plans were prepared in conformance with local, state and federal regulations as described in Chapter 2.

1.2 Planning Data

Population, and employment population forecasts were used to estimate the current and future loadings to the City's sanitary sewer and water systems. The stormwater utility is less sensitive to residential and employment population forecasts and tends to be confined to individual drainage basins. Consequently, City wide analysis and projection of the stormwater system is less relevant.

Planning data from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) provides population forecasts based on U.S. Census data as broken down by Forecast Analysis Zones (FAZ). The PSRC data tends to be widely used throughout the region and is the database that was used in developing and analyzing the flows.

After discussions with the City staff, the PSRC forecasted values were used for the baseline population and GIS delineation was used for the distribution of growth throughout the service areas.

The service area for each of the utilities is substantially different. For example, the service area for the sanitary sewer is limited to the UGA boundaries. The service area for water, on the other hand, is much broader. Consequently the residential population, and employment population for water and sanitary followed the same general protocol, but applied to differing service areas.

The definition of these population forecasts is addressed in the respective chapters for each of the utilities.

There are three segments that comprise the served population: residential, employment and Department of Corrections (DOC). These three sectors generally capture all the sources expected in the Monroe Service Area. This approach works well in largely developed, non-industrial service areas.

With these values of existing and projected users, a population equivalent was developed recognizing that an employee or an inmate contributes a differing fraction of a permanent resident. This ratio was developed based on historical records.

1.3 Projected Sanitary Sewer Flows, Loads and Analysis

A capacity analysis of the existing City sanitary sewer network was undertaken using a spreadsheet hydraulic modeling program.

Existing lift stations and their maximum capacities also were included in the model. The flow data from the City's WWTP was largely used in calibrating the model. The sanitary sewer service area was divided into smaller service basins which are referred to as mini-basins. These mini-basin areas were consistent with the basin boundaries used in the previous System Plan.

The model was developed using information from the City's GIS electronic database, supplemented by selected as-built drawings, pump records, flow monitoring data, and with other available data such as ground elevation LIDAR information.



Models were constructed to represent the network in 2021, 2035, and build out.

Loadings and flows for the water and sanitary sewer were developed and presented in the respective utility chapters.

With the flows determined and the known population equivalence, a flow per population equivalence was determined. This historical flow data was used to project future and anticipated flows.

The I/I component is captured in and part of the peak day and peak hour per population equivalent flow values. It is important to recognize that the I/I component is reflective of current conditions and that, as the pipes continue to age and degrade, the volume of I/I entering the system will continue to increase. An allowance for that continued degradation is incorporated into the per population equivalent values for 2021, 2035 and build out conditions.

The conservative nature of the hydraulic model tends to over-estimate the volume of the wastewater to be conveyed. This conservative approach is partially offset by allowing a brief and very infrequent surcharging of the gravity sewers. The allowability of such surcharging is limited to a depth over the crown of the pipe equal to the pipe diameter.

Where pipe sections were identified as requiring an upgrade, the proposed upgrade was sized to provide capacity equal to or greater than the estimated build out flows.

At lift stations where the estimated peak hour flows were shown to exceed the current maximum capacity, a suitable build out upgrade flow capacity was estimated. This capacity was incorporated into the model for the planning horizon showing evidence of capacity limitation. This enabled the impact of the increased flow on the downstream sewer network to be investigated. The actual mechanical and electrical improvements to the lift stations would not be sized for the build out conditions.

1.4 Projected Water Demands and Analysis

A hydraulic analysis of the existing City water system was undertaken using a computer based modeling program.

The computer model includes source connections to the Everett Supply Pipeline, transmission mains, distribution system piping, reservoirs, pump stations, and pressure reducing valve stations. The current computer model was developed from the model used in the previous Water System Plan.

Model scenarios were developed to represent the water system subjected to existing, 2021, 2023, and 2035 water system demands.

Water demands were developed and presented in Chapter W 5.

With the demands determined and the known population equivalence, a demand per population equivalence was determined. This historical flow data was used to project future and anticipated flows.



The water system design criteria are presented in Chapter W 6. These criteria include minimum pressures of 30 psi under peak hour demand conditions and 20 psi under maximum day plus fire flow demand conditions.

Where pipe sections were identified as requiring an upgrade, the proposed upgrade was sized to provide sufficient capacity for the 2035 demand conditions.

The results of the hydraulic analysis were used to develop the capital improvement program chapter for the water utility.

1.5 Stormwater Improvements and Analysis

The Stormwater Utility System Plan is significantly different from the content and format of either the sanitary sewer or water system plans. The requirements for both the sanitary sewer and water systems are specifically mandated by the respective section in the WAC. The Stormwater System Plan, on the other hand, has general guidelines that are outlined in the NPDES rules.

Where the sanitary sewer and water system utilities are directly impacted by growth and new development, the stormwater utility is sensitive to changes in residential and employment populations. Though new development brings more impervious pavement, redevelopment or more intense use of already developed parcels has minimal impact on the volume of stormwater runoff. Consequently, population projections used in the sanitary and water utilities are not as meaningful for the stormwater utility.

The stormwater improvements and analysis focused on four known stormwater problem areas:

- Blueberry Lane
- Intersection of Blueberry Lane and North Kelsey Street
- Lake Tye
- Lords Lake

The description, analysis and recommended solution of these problem areas are presented in Chapter SW 8.

Other recommendations to satisfy the NPDES requirements are presented in Chapter SW 9. These recommendations include:

- Public Outreach and Involvement
- Illicit Discharge and Elimination Program
- Controlling new development, redevelopment and construction sites
- Operations and Maintenance
- Compliance with TMDLs
- Stormwater Monitoring
- Stormwater Management Program reporting and coordination

1.6 Capital Improvements Projects

The capital improvement projects (CIP) developed in the respective chapters are presented by time period. It should be noted that this plan has neither proposed a routing to extend sewers to every lot within the service boundary, nor was it the intention of this plan to finance those line extensions. The CIP does not include the line extensions and pump stations needed to serve



presently unserved areas. These line extensions are assumed to be initiated and financed by developers or through Local Improvement Districts (LIDs). Consequently, no City financing mechanism is proposed for these lines.

The CIP is limited to the following categories:

- Existing lines that need to be upgraded/upsized to convey flows as population and flows increase
- Existing infrastructure that needs to be upgraded to accommodate increasing flows.
- Existing infrastructure that need modifications or improvements. This might include equipment that has reached or are soon to reach their useful life, needed new features, and stations that are slated to be abandoned or rerouted.
- Chronic maintenance areas that can be resolved with a capital project.
- WWTP improvements to respond to increasing flows, loads or new regulations

Cost estimates for each CIP was prepared based on current year (2015) pricing. Detailed cost estimates can be found in the respective appendices. These projects were assigned a target period for completion based on the anticipated added flows and the expectation that capacity would be exceeded by the end of that period. Those improvements shown as 2015 to 2021 (sanitary sewer and stormwater) or 2015 to 2023 (water) projects are those projects that have current or soon anticipated capacity issues and should be pursued first.

For those CIPs that are linked to aging equipment or obsolescence, an estimated date for replacement or repair has been identified. The determination of this date is tied to age and expected remaining life. It should be understood that there is some latitude in these implementation dates.

For those CIPs that are linked to inadequate capacity, a triggering metric has been estimated. This threshold trigger is represented by additional Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs). Since the specific location of these added units is critical to the downstream impacts, it is recommended that those triggering points by carefully monitored as those thresholds are approached.

Those that are in subsequent periods of 2021 (or 2023) to 2035 and 2035 to Build Out are projects that should be completed on or before that end target year. Capital Improvements Projects to be financed as described in Chapter 12 and summarized in Table 1-1.



| Table 1-1 | | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | Capital Improvement Proje | ects | | |
| | | 2015 to 2021 - sewer and storm | 2021 to 2035 - sewer and storm | |
| | | 2015 to 2023 - water | 2023 to 2035 - water | |
| CIP No. | Decription | | | |
| Sanitary Se | ewer CIP - Conveyance and Treatment | | | |
| SS-1 | Gravity Sewer Replacement from DOC to Park Place Pump Station | \$550,000 | | |
| SS-2 | Cate's Pump Station Upgrades | \$450,000 | | |
| SS-3 | West Main Pump Station Upgrades | \$450,000 | | |
| SS-4 | \$500,000/yr Pipe replacement projects | \$3,000,000 | | |
| SS-5 | WWTP Rerating Study | \$30,000 | | |
| SS-6 | Biosolids Management Study | \$50,000 | | |
| SS-7 | Primary Clarifier Equipment Replacement | \$920,000 | | |
| SS-8 | WWTP Engineering Report | \$100,000 | | |
| SS-9 | Mechanical Sludge Thickener | \$1,350,000 | | |
| SS-10 | Belt Filter Press Hood | \$180,000 | | |
| SS-11 | Operations and Dewatering Building Roof Replacement | \$190,000 | | |
| SS-12 | \$100,000/yr WWTP Maintenance | \$600,000 | | |
| SS-13 | CEPT Implementation | \$280,000 | | |
| SS-14 | Digester Blower Replacement | \$1,100,000 | | |
| SS-15 | 42-foot Diameter Secondary Clarifier Mechanism Replacement | \$580,000 | | |
| SS-101 | Park Place PS Upgrades | | \$950,000 | |
| SS-102 | Fyelands PS and FM Upgrades | | \$2,900,000 | |
| SS-103 | Beaton PS Upgrades | | \$450,000 | |
| SS-104 | Fox Meadows PS Upgrades | | \$450,000 | |
| SS-105 | Old Owens PS Upgrades | | \$450,000 | |
| SS-106 | Valley View Pump Station Upgrades | | \$1,492,000 | |
| SS-107 | South Freylands Pump Station Upgrades | | \$860,000 | |
| SS-108 | New Dewatering Unit | | \$1,600,000 | |
| SS-109 | Turbine Blowers | | \$500,000 | |
| SS-110 | SCADA and Control Upgrade | | \$550,000 | |
| SS-111 | Sludge Dryer | | \$8,300,000 | |
| | Secondary Clarifier Mechanism Replacement | | \$810,000 | |
| | RAS/WAS Pump Replacement | | \$700,000 | |
| SS-114 | Effluent PS Replacement | | \$550,000 | |
| Water CIP | | | | |
| W-1 | DOC Storage | \$3,000,000 | | |
| W-2 | Spring Hill Reservoirs - Mixing NaOCl | \$30,000 | | |
| | | | | |

| | Table 1-1 | | | | |
|------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | Capital Improvement Proje | ects | | | |
| | | 2015 to 2021 - | 2021 to 2035 - sewer | | |
| | | sewer and storm | and storm | | |
| | | 2045 +- 2022 | | | |
| | | 2015 to 2023 - water | 2023 to 2035 - water | | |
| W-3 | Lord Hill Reservoir fencing | \$25,000 | | | |
| W-4 | Flushing Devices at deadends | \$10,000 | | | |
| W-5 | Replace 8" at Chain Lake Road | \$1,737,000 | | | |
| W-6 | Replace 6" at Tester and Hwy 522 | \$1,146,000 | | | |
| W-7 | Replace 12" at Trombley reservoirs | \$199,000 | | | |
| W-8 | Replace 12" at Fairgrounds | \$430,000 | | | |
| W-9 | Replace 10" at Fairgrounds | \$110,000 | | | |
| W-10 | Replace 8" Hwy 2 and Cascade View Dr | \$839,000 | | | |
| W-11 | Extend 12" Cascade View Dr - theatre | \$407,000 | | | |
| W-12 | Replace 8" along Wagner Rd to Salem Woods | \$939,000 | | | |
| W-13 | Extend 12" along Wagner to Wagner 517 | \$1,119,000 | | | |
| W-14 | Install 8" along 127th | \$160,000 | | | |
| W-15 | Replace 6" along 141st | \$1,726,000 | | | |
| W-16 | 177th PS - Equipment Replacement | \$680,000 | | | |
| W-17 | Spring Hill PS - Equipment Replacement | \$520,000 | | | |
| W-18 | Lord Hill PS Equipment Replacement | \$580,000 | | | |
| W-19 | Annual Water Meter Replacements (\$200,000/yr) | \$1,600,000 | | | |
| W-20 | Park to Kelsey Replacement | \$84,000 | | | |
| W-21 | 182nd and 154th Replacement | \$70,000 | | | |
| W-22 | Graden Replacement | \$415,600 | | | |
| W-23 | 132nd Replacement | \$554,400 | | | |
| W-24 | Thrive Alley Replacement | \$92,400 | | | |
| W-25 | Destination Alley | \$108,500 | | | |
| W-26 | Strawberry Lane Repalcement | \$96,300 | | | |
| W-27 | Ingraham Hill from Brown Rd to SR-2 and Old Owen | \$2,800,000 | | | |
| W-28 | Trombley Hill from Reservoir to Airport/179th SE | \$2,100,000 | | | |
| W-29 | 132nd SE from Ingraham to Wagner Rd | \$567,000 | | | |
| W-30 | 134th SE/133rd SE/ 208th SE/209th SE | \$490,000 | | | |
| W-31 | Alley between Madison and Sams/McDougall and Pike | \$90,100 | | | |
| W-32 | Alley parallel to Main Street at Ferry to N. Blakely east to N. Madison | \$199,500 | | | |
| W-33 | Alley parallel to Lewis and Blakely Freemont to McDougall | \$80,500 | | | |
| W-34 | Connect Wagner to 116th SE to complete loop | \$408,600 | | | |
| W-35 | Park to Kelsey in Powell | \$85,800 | | | |
| W-36 | Park to Pike - Phase II | \$83,000 | | | |

| | Table 1-1 | | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Capital Improvement Proje | ects | | | |
| | | 2015 to 2021 - sewer and storm | 2021 to 2035 - sewer and storm | | |
| | | 2015 to 2023 - water | 2023 to 2035 - water | | |
| W-37 | S Taft Lane | \$42,000 | | | |
| W-38 | 182nd SE and 154th | \$95,000 | | | |
| W-39 | 180th Avenue - Phase I | \$71,000 | | | |
| W-40 | 180th Avenue - Phase II | \$71,000 | | | |
| W-41 | 181st Avenue | \$107,000 | | | |
| W-42 | Orr to Kelsey abandon line under houses | \$48,000 | | | |
| W-43 | Wilson Lane | \$17,000 | | | |
| W-44 | Circle Drive to Sumac | \$76,000 | | | |
| W-45 | Short Columbia | \$127,000 | | | |
| W-46 | 127th Ave SE at 150th SE | \$88,000 | | | |
| W-47 | North Hill service along 116th SE and 227th SE; connect to Wagner 517; install PRVs | \$1,879,000 | | | |
| W-48 | Replace 4" serving FH (\$50,000/yr) | | \$900,000 | | |
| W-49 | AC Pipe Replacement (\$100,000/yr) | | \$1,800,000 | | |
| W-50 | Tester Road PS - Equipment Replacement | | \$620,000 | | |
| W-51 | North Hill PS Equipment Replacement | | \$800,000 | | |
| W-52 | Trombley PS - Equipment Replacement | | \$850,000 | | |
| W-53 | Replace 6" along Old Owen Rd | | \$443,000 | | |
| Stormwate | er CIP | | | | |
| SW-1 | Blueberry Lane - Infiltration/Conveyance | \$1,470,000 | | | |
| SW-2 | Blueberry/North Kelsey - Infiltration/Conveyance | \$581,000 | | | |
| SW-3 | Lake Tye - Bioswale | \$95,000 | | | |
| SW-4A | Lord's Lake - Treatment | \$398,000 | | | |
| SW-4B | Lord's Lake - Bioswale/ Wet Pond | \$37,800 | | | |
| SW-6 | Crystalwood Drainage | | | | |
| SW-7 | Monroe St and Park Street | | | | |
| SW-8 | Monroe St and Kelsey | | | | |
| SW-9 | Park St and Roberts St | | | | |
| SW-10 | Dickenson and West Columbia | | \$5,000,000 1) | | |
| SW-11 | 115 Dickenson | | | | |
| SW-12 | West Main Round about | | | | |
| SW-13 | 615 North St | | | | |
| Total CIP | of all Utilities | \$38,615,500 | \$30,975,000 | | |

Notes: 1) \$5,000,000 of improvements for CIP Nos. SW-6 through SW-13 to be spent over the 20-year period

Chapter 2 Introduction

2.1 Purpose and Need for System Plans

The 2015 Utility System Plans are prepared for the City as supportive documentation to the City's Comprehensive Plan. These system plans met the statutory requirements mandated by the Washington Administrative Code referenced in Table 2-1.

| | Table 2-1 Utility System Plan Requirements | | | | |
|---|--|---------|--|---|--|
| Sanitary Sewer System Plan WAC 173-240-050 | | | Water System Plan WAC 246-290-100 | Stormwater System Plan No WAC Stipulated Requirements | |
| WAC | Description | WAC | Description | Description | |
| 3a | Purpose for plan | 4a | Description of the | Purpose for plan | |
| 3b | Ownership and O&M responsibilities | 4a(i) | system Ownership and O&M responsibilities | History Utility goals & policies | |
| 3c | Service boundaries | 4a(ii) | System history & | Public involvement | |
| 3d | Existing sewers | | background | Study area description | |
| | Proposed sewers Topography | 4a(iii) | Coordination with other water system plans | Existing system Watershed delineation | |
| | Streams, Lakes | 4a(iv) | Service boundaries | Stormwater utility | |
| 3e | Water systems Population trends | 4b(i) | Current population water use and ERUs | description O&M | |
| 3f | Wastewater facilities within | 4b(ii) | Identify water consumption | CIP and future needs | |
| | 20 miles | | trends | Regulatory | |
| 3g | I/I problems | 4b(iii) | Designated land use | requirements | |
| 3h | Adequacy of treatment | | Future population | City | |
| 0: | systems | 4 0 1 | Water demand 6 & 20 | State | |
| 3i | Industrial wastewater | 4c&d | yrs Demand forecasts with | Federal Problem identification | |
| 3k | sources Collection alternatives | 4e | and without water conservation System analysis | Hydraulic model analysis | |
| 31 | Treatment alternatives | 4e(i) | Design standards | Financial analysis | |
| | Disposal alternatives | 4e(ii) | Water quality analysis | Public information | |
| | Construction cost | 4e(iii) | System inventory | Public | |
| | estimate | | | hearings/meetings | |
| | O&M cost estimates | 4e(iv) | System deficiencies | | |
| | Financial plan | 4f(i) | Design standards | | |
| 3m | Compliance with | 4f(ii) | Water supply alternate | | |
| | management plan | 4f(iii) | Emergency response | | |
| 3n | SEPA compliance | 4f(iv) | Water rights | | |
| | | 4f(v) | Supply reliability | | |

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|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Sanitary Sewer System Plan WAC 173-240-050 | | Water System Plan WAC 246-290-100 | | Stormwater System Plan No WAC Stipulated Requirements | |
| WAC | Description | WAC | Description | Description | |
| | OTHER REQUIREMENTS / ELEMENTS SSSHB 1338 Water reuse CMOM Public information Public hearings/meetings | 4f(vi) 4g 4h 4i 4j 4k(i) 4k(ii) | Interties Sources water protection O&M program CIP Financial program SEPA Interlocal agreements | | |
| | | | OTHER REQUIREMENTS / ELEMENTS Public information Public hearings/meetings | | |

The requirements for each of the utilities are addressed in the respective chapters dedicated to the specific utility. A roadmap of where each requirement can be found follows in Table 2-2 for the Sanitary Sewer Utility, in Table 2-3 for the Water Utility and in Table 2-4 for the Stormwater Utility.

| Table 2-2 Sanitary Sewer Utility Plan Requirements per WAC 173-240-050 | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Reference Paragraph | Description of Requirement | Location in Document | | | |
| 3a | Purpose and need for proposed plan | Section 2.1 | | | |
| 3b | Who will own, operate, and maintain system | Section 2.2 | | | |
| 3c | Existing and proposed service boundaries | Chapter SS 4 | | | |
| 3d | Layout map showing boundaries; existing sewer facilities; proposed sewers; topography and elevations; streams, lakes; and other water bodies; water systems | Figures 2.2, 2.3 | | | |
| 3e | Population trends | Chapter SS 5 | | | |
| 3f | Existing domestic and/or industrial wastewater facilities within 20 miles | Figure 2.1 | | | |
| 3g | Infiltration and inflow problems | Section SS 5.4 | | | |
| 3h | Treatment systems and adequacy of such treatment | Chapter SS 7 | | | |
| 3i | Identify industrial wastewater sources | Section SS 5.2.1 | | | |
| 3k | Discussion of collection alternatives | Chapter SS 6 | | | |

| Table 2-2 Sanitary Sewer Utility Plan Requirements per WAC 173-240-050 | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reference Paragraph | Description of Requirement | Location in Document | | |
| 3k | Discussion of treatment alternatives | Chapter SS 7 | | |
| 3k | Discussion of disposal alternatives | Chapter SS 7 | | |
| 31 | Define construction cost and O&M costs | Chapter SS 11 and Appendix SS-F | | |
| 3m | Compliance with management plan | Section 3.3.1 | | |
| 3n | SEPA compliance | See EIS for City Comprehensive Plan | | |
| SSSHB 1338 CMOM | OTHER REQUIREMENTS / ELEMENTS Water Reuse Capacity, Maintenance, Operations and Management | Chapter SS 8 Chapter SS 9 | | |

| Table 2-3 Water System Utility Plan Requirements per WAC 246-290-100 | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Reference Paragraph | Description of Requirement | Location in Document | |
| 4a | Description of the system | Section W 4.3 | |
| 4a(i) | Ownership and O&M responsibilities | Section W 4.1 and Chapter W 9 | |
| 4a(ii) | System history & background | Section W 4.2 | |
| 4a(iii) | Coordination with other water system plans | Section W 4.4 | |
| 4a(iv) | Service boundaries | Section W 5.1 | |
| 4b(i) | Current population water use and ERUs | Section W 5.1 | |
| 4b(ii) | Identify water consumption trends | Section W 5.1 | |
| 4b(iii) | Designated land use | Section W 5.2 | |
| 4c&d 4e | Future population Water demand 6 & 20 years Demand forecasts with and without water conservation System analysis | Section W 5.2 | |
| 4e(i) | Design standards | Section W 6.1 | |
| 4e(ii) | Water quality analysis | Section W 6.2 | |
| 4e(iii) | System inventory | Section W 4.3 | |
| 4e(iv) | System deficiencies | Section W 6.3 | |
| 4f(i) | Design standards | Section W 6.1 | |
| 4f(ii) | Water supply alternate | Section W 6.3.1 | |
| 4f(iii) | Emergency response | Section W 9.5 | |
| 4f(iv) | Water rights | Section W 7.6 | |
| 4f(v) | Supply reliability | Section W 7.7 | |
| 4f(vi) | Interties | Section W 7.8 | |
| 4g | Sources water protection | Chapter W 8 | |

| Table 2-3 Water System Utility Plan Requirements per WAC 246-290-100 | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Reference Paragraph | Description of Requirement | Location in Document | |
| 4h | O&M program | Section W 9.5 | |
| 4i | CIP | Chapter W 11 | |
| 4j | Financial program | Chapter 12 | |
| 4k(i) | SEPA | See City's Comprehensive Plan EIS | |
| 4k(ii) | Interlocal agreements | Appendix W-B and Section W 4.5 | |
| | OTHER REQUIREMENTS / ELEMENTS | | |
| | Public information | See City's Comprehensive Plan | |
| | Public hearings/meetings | See City's Comprehensive Plan | |

| Table 2-4 Stormwater System Utility Plan Requirements | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Reference Paragraph | Description of Requirement | Location in Document | |
| | Purpose for plan | Chapter SW 5 | |
| | History | Section 2.3.3 | |
| | Utility goals & policies | Chapter SW 6 | |
| | Public involvement | Section SW 5.3.5 | |
| | Study area description Existing system | Section SW 4.3 | |
| | Watershed delineation Stormwater utility description O&M | Section SW 4.3 Section SW 5.3 | |
| | CIP and future needs | Chapter SW 9 | |
| | Regulatory requirements | Chapter SW 6 | |
| | Problem identification Hydraulic model analysis | Chapter SW 8 | |
| | Financial analysis | Chapter 12 | |
| | Public information | See City's Comprehensive Plan | |
| | Public hearings/meetings | See City's Comprehensive Plan | |

The Plan provides a comprehensive guide to assist the City with managing and operating the three utilities and coordinating expansions and upgrades to the infrastructure for the next twenty years. The Plan serves as a guide for policy development and decision making for the City. It also provides other agencies and the public with information on the City's plans for utility extensions within the City's service area. This approach allows the City to provide high quality service to its customers and to continue protecting environmental quality.



The Plan evaluates existing and future capacity of the utility systems based on current and anticipated future growth. Future sanitary and water flow rates are estimated from existing flow data and population growth projected within the service areas.

An implementation plan is provided, including an estimated timeline for constructing selected projects. The financial analysis and the means by which the improvements were to be financed were addressed in Chapter 12. This chapter was prepared by FCS Group in close coordination with BHC and the City.

2.2 Ownership and Management

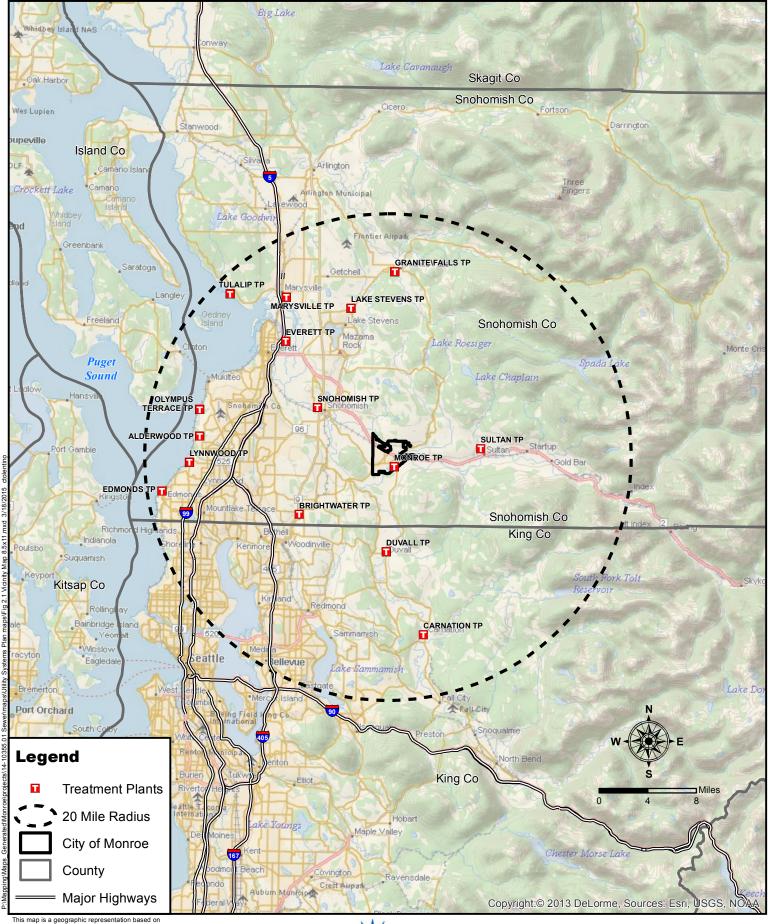
The City owns and maintains public utilities for the sanitary sewer, water and stormwater systems and is governed by a City Council. The City has interlocal agreements to provide these utilities to surrounding areas that are contiguous to the City corporate boundaries. These agreements are further explained in Chapter 3.

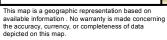
The City's sanitary sewer, water and stormwater systems are under the management of the Operations and Maintenance Division Manager. The treatment plant is operated and managed under the direction of the Plant Manager. Additional Engineering and Administrative and Engineering employees do not report to the Managers mentioned above.

2.3 System Histories and Background

The City of Monroe is located in southeastern portion of Snohomish County, immediately north of the King County – Snohomish County boundary, as shown on Figure 2.1, Vicinity Map. The City's corporate boundary is not contiguous to any other municipality. The City encompasses approximately 3,940 acres and but the service area for each of the three utilities varies as shown in Table 3-1.











Vicinity Map

Utility Systems Plan City of Monroe, Washington March 2015 Figure

2.1

2.3.1 Sanitary Sewer System

Monroe was incorporated in 1902 but a sanitary sewer system was not developed until the 1940s. An Imhoff Tank, primary sewage treatment plant was constructed in 1945. This original plant was located on the same parcel as the current plant.

The treatment plant was upgraded to a secondary treatment plant using Rotating Biological Contactors (RBCs) as the biological treatment element in 1975. In addition, this upgrade included influent pumps, an aerated grit chamber, three side hill screens, two rectangular secondary clarifiers, two chlorine contact chambers, two aerobic digesters and a new outfall to the Skykomish River.

In 1993, another treatment plant expansion took place as a result of increased service areas within the City and additional flows resulting from that growth. This expansion included the construction of two rectangular primary clarifiers, four Submerged Biological Contactors (SBCs), a new circular secondary clarifier, an additional aerobic digester, and an effluent pump station.

In 2000, the next modification to the plant included three new activated sludge aeration basins with anoxic zones, a new secondary clarifier, additional Ultra Violet disinfection equipment and a belt filter press.

In 2010, the modifications to the plant included new headworks and grit collection facility and a modification to the Ultra Violet disinfection system. See Chapter SS 7 for a more thorough description of the City's wastewater treatment plant.

In 2014-2015 the City entered into contract with an Energy Service Provider (TRANE) to make some energy efficiency modifications to the plant. This program is administered through the State's Department of Commerce and offers guaranteed energy savings. This grant or low interest loan program is supplemented from matching funds from Snohomish PUD. These improvements include the replacement of the air diffusers in the aeration basin, replacement of the centrifugal blowers with turbo aeration blowers, revisions to the mixers and blowers for the aerobic digesters, and modification to the mixing equipment in the selector basins.

The City provides sanitary sewer service to customers within its sewer service area. Wastewater ultimately flows to Skykomish River through a series of four in-stream diffusers.

2.3.2 Water System

Prior to incorporation, water from a "spring on the hill back of Fern Bluff" was provided by J. E. Dolloff of the Spring Water Company by franchise issued by the Snohomish County Commissioners. Soon after incorporation the Monroe City Council granted a water service contract to Mr. S. A. Buck using water from wells on Buck Island and filtered water from the Skykomish River. In 1905 Mr. Buck turned his water system over to the Monroe Water and Light Company which used two steam pumps located on Buck Island to provide 750 gallons per minute at 90 pounds per square inch. In January of 1905 there were 118 customers of the water system. After years of legal challenges between Buck and Dolloff the City of Monroe developed its own gravity water system using Sykes Springs located approximately 8 miles north of town as the supply.

Sometime between 1905 and 1937 the City of Monroe developed a well field on Ingraham Hill. In 1937, "faced with a rapidly depleting reservoir and a highly unsatisfactory condition at the pumping station" Monroe investigated connecting to the City of Everett pipeline. It appears that



this went no farther than investigating as the March 1954, Report of Preliminary Survey of Town of Monroe Domestic Water System states "water for the town of Monroe is obtained by pumping from a well located about two miles from the town".

In 1963 the City of Monroe began purchasing water from the City of Everett from a wood stave pipeline north of the city. At this time the use of all other sources was discontinued due to the high levels of iron and manganese in the water. The City of Everett replaced the wooden main in 1969 with a 51 inch steel pipe that is known as Transmission Main #5.

The City of Monroe grew with an average rate of 2.2 percent per year from its incorporation in 1902 until 1988 when the population was 3,350. During this time timber and dairy farming dominated the area's economy. System improvements during this time included:

<u>Ingraham Hill Reservoir</u> – an open in-ground 1.15 million gallon reservoir built in 1920

<u>Wagner Road Transmission Main</u> – 14,000 feet of 12 inch main installed in 1963 when the city connected to the City of Everett system.

<u>179th Avenue Distribution Main</u> – constructed in 1974 from SR 2 to Main Street to serve the developing west side of Monroe.

<u>Chain Lake Road Transmission Main</u> – 21,000 feet of 12 and 16 inch main installed in 1977 to connect the west side of Monroe to the Everett supply.

<u>Trombley Hill Reservoir</u> – a 2.0 million gallon steel reservoir constructed in 1984.

Brown Road Transmission Main – 5,500 feet of 16 inch main installed in 1984 to connect the Wagner Road and Chain Lake transmission mains.

Monroe began to grow rapidly, as the timber and farm industries declined, thanks to the easy access provided by the three state highways. Monroe's population almost doubled to 6,480 by 1996. Since then the population of Monroe has more than doubled to 16,550. This increase came partially from annexation of additional area but the majority was from new development. Monroe has taken on some of the character of a bedroom community. Many of the occupants of the new residential subdivisions commute to work in the Everett/Seattle/Bellevue area. In addition to providing housing, Monroe also has a thriving industrial area and numerous commercial operations, including four grocery stores and three new car dealerships. In response to this rapid growth, significant changes have taken place in the water system. The major capital improvements include:

<u>Ingraham Hill Reservoir</u> – a 2.0 million gallon steel reservoir built in 2001 to replace the original Ingraham Hill reservoir.

<u>DOC Reservoir</u> – the City acquired a 750,000 gallon reservoir along with a 1,100 gallon per minute booster pump station from the Department of Corrections in 2001.

<u>Tester Road Booster Pump Station</u> – a 1,500 gallon per minute booster pump station to supply the Department of Corrections and the Monroe High School.



North Hill Reservoir and Booster Pump Station — a 1.15 million gallon reservoir and 1,500 gallon per minute booster pump station to supply the upper pressure zone of the system.

Reservoir #5 Trombley Hill Reservoir and Booster Station – a 2.5 million gallon steel reservoir and booster pump station housing one 50 gpm, two 250 gpm and one 3,300 gpm pumps built in 2006 provides storage for the Everett, Trombley, Airport, DOC and Downtown pressure zones.

2.3.3 Stormwater System

The City of Monroe created its Stormwater Management Utility in 1996. The Public Works Department carries out the majority of the programmatic and field-based stormwater tasks.

The Stormwater Management Utility program consists of numerous program elements. These elements are organized into the following four categories based on the department or departments that perform the program element work.

- Design & Construction Division Stormwater Services and Capital Improvement Program
- Operation & Maintenance Division Stormwater Services
- Program Support and Administration

The City lies in the Skykomish River valley at the base of the Cascade foothills. The Skykomish River borders the City on the south. Most of the businesses and residences within the City are located well above the 100-year floodplain. Woods Creek essentially forms the eastern border of the City; although, a small section of the City lies south and east of the creek. The majority of the City, including the commercial corridor along US Highway 2 (US-2), the Fryelands development, and the developing areas north of US-2, lies within the French Creek watershed. French Creek, in turn, flows into the Snohomish River several miles west of the City.

The majority of the City is built on very shallow slopes, typically less than 0.5 percent. The soils within these flat areas are composed of loamy silty sands, which are well suited to farming activities. Beneath these soils lie areas of deep recessional outwash gravels which drain exceedingly well. The City utilizes this natural infiltration capability to assist with control of stormwater runoff.

Due to an increase in impervious surfaces and urbanization, as well as regulatory changes, stormwater quality management has become an important issue. Water quality degradation due to stormwater runoff can occur from many different sources. Stormwater runoff carries sediment from exposed construction sites and pollutants from residential, commercial, and industrial developments and agriculture and livestock into streams and other water bodies. Pollutants in stormwater runoff include metals such as lead, cadmium, zinc, and copper; oil and grease; pesticides and fertilizers; and bacteria. Urbanization within the Puget Sound basin has increased impervious surface areas such as rooftops, streets, and parking areas. Without stormwater control, impervious surfaces increase runoff volumes and peak flow rates. The increased pollutant loads and increased volumes of stormwater runoff result in impacts to downstream properties, to Puget Sound and to other downstream water bodies. Increased impervious surfaces also reduce infiltration to groundwater resources. Due to the listing of Puget Sound salmon species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and federal regulations under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), implementation of stormwater control measures has become increasingly important. Approximately two-thirds of the City's stormwater conveyance system consists of pipe. Pipes range in size from eight inches to forty eight inches in diameter, and convey stormwater via



outfalls into the receiving waters identified in Figure SW 4.2. Some stormwater pipes have storage or water quality treatment structures built into the system. The City owns approximately 50 miles of stormwater pipe with the pipe inventory consisting primarily of PVC, HDPE and concrete pipe. A portion of the downtown area is a combined sanitary/stormwater sewer which discharges to the wastewater treatment plant.

<u>Culverts</u> are short sections of pipe used to convey stormwater/streamflow and which generally connect open ditches or streams either under or adjacent to roads. Culvert pipes are usually concrete or corrugated metal. There are approximately 21 culverts within the City of Monroe storm drainage system.

<u>Catch basins</u> are underground sumps which are are used to collect stormwater. In Monroe, most catch basins discharge directly into a piped conveyance system. The sump at the bottom of a catch basin is used to capture sediment and other debris from incoming stormwater. Some catch basins are equipped with trapped outlets, which prevent most floating debris and oil from leaving the catch basin. The City owns 1,917 catch basins that are connected to stormwater conveyance piping. A number of catch basins in Monroe do not connect to a piped storm drain system but instead serve as a point for infiltration of the stormwater runoff. These types of catch basins are called "rock holes" and are located in the residential neighborhoods in the southeastern portion of the City between Main Street and the Skykomish River. The City owns approximately 25 rock hole catch basins in this area.

<u>Ditches</u> are constructed earth trenches lined with vegetation or concrete that convey stormwater in areas not served by piped conveyance systems. The City owns approximately 15 miles of ditches.

<u>Biofiltration swales</u> are grass-lined, flat-bottomed ditches whose purpose is to filter the runoff in order to provide water quality treatment. They differ from ditches in that the vegetation must be appropriately maintained to function properly. The shape, slope, width, and length of the swales are specifically designed to achieve appropriate levels of water quality treatment. Most of the biofiltration swales in the stormwater drainage system are privately owned.

Retention/detention ponds and underground storage facilities (such as vaults and pipes) store stormwater runoff. The purpose of these facilities is to temporarily store the runoff so that it can be released at a controlled rate to nearby receiving waters or infiltrated into the ground, preventing potential downstream flooding or erosion.

When land is developed, and no flow control facilities are installed, both the total volume of runoff and the peak flows typically increase due to:

- Loss of vegetation that slows the release of runoff.
- Compaction of the soil column that reduces infiltration rates.
- Placement of impervious surfaces (pavement, rooftops, etc.) that intercept rainfall, preventing soil infiltration and conveying a larger volume of runoff more quickly to a discharge location, thereby increasing the peak flow.



The controlled rate of release from these storage facilities is designed to generally mimic the rate of stormwater runoff that occurred from the land, prior to any development. The volume of runoff these facilities can store is that required to hold the additional volume of water that occurs after development, until it can be released at the appropriate/controlled rate. The City owns 15 detention ponds and nine underground vaults.

<u>Infiltration Trenches</u>. Some locations within the City contain soils that are suitable for stormwater infiltration, and as a result, several infiltration trenches have been constructed. The trenches are located underneath City streets and infiltrate locally generated stormwater runoff. Multiple infiltration trenches typically are located in each infiltration facility, along with water quality pretreatment and an overflow connection to local stormwater or combined piping systems. The stormwater drainage system contains both public and privately owned infiltration facilities.

Oil/water separators are generally underground vaults designed to trap sediments, oil, and floatable materials. The inlet and outlet are typically located on opposite ends of the vault, which is also equipped with baffle walls extending above and below the water surface and with a gap above the floor of the vault. Runoff flows underneath the baffles and out of the vault, while the oil floats to the surface and is retained in the vault by the baffle. Some oil/water separators contain oil-absorbing booms. The City owns seven oil/water separator.

The stormwater drainage system discharges to receiving waters in the Woods Creek, French Creek and Skykomish River watersheds.

The only City-owned filter treatment systems are located along the storm drain line running from Lewis Street to the outfall into Woods Creek at the intersection of South Ann Street and Fremont Street. These consist of 30 individual canisters located in four yaults.

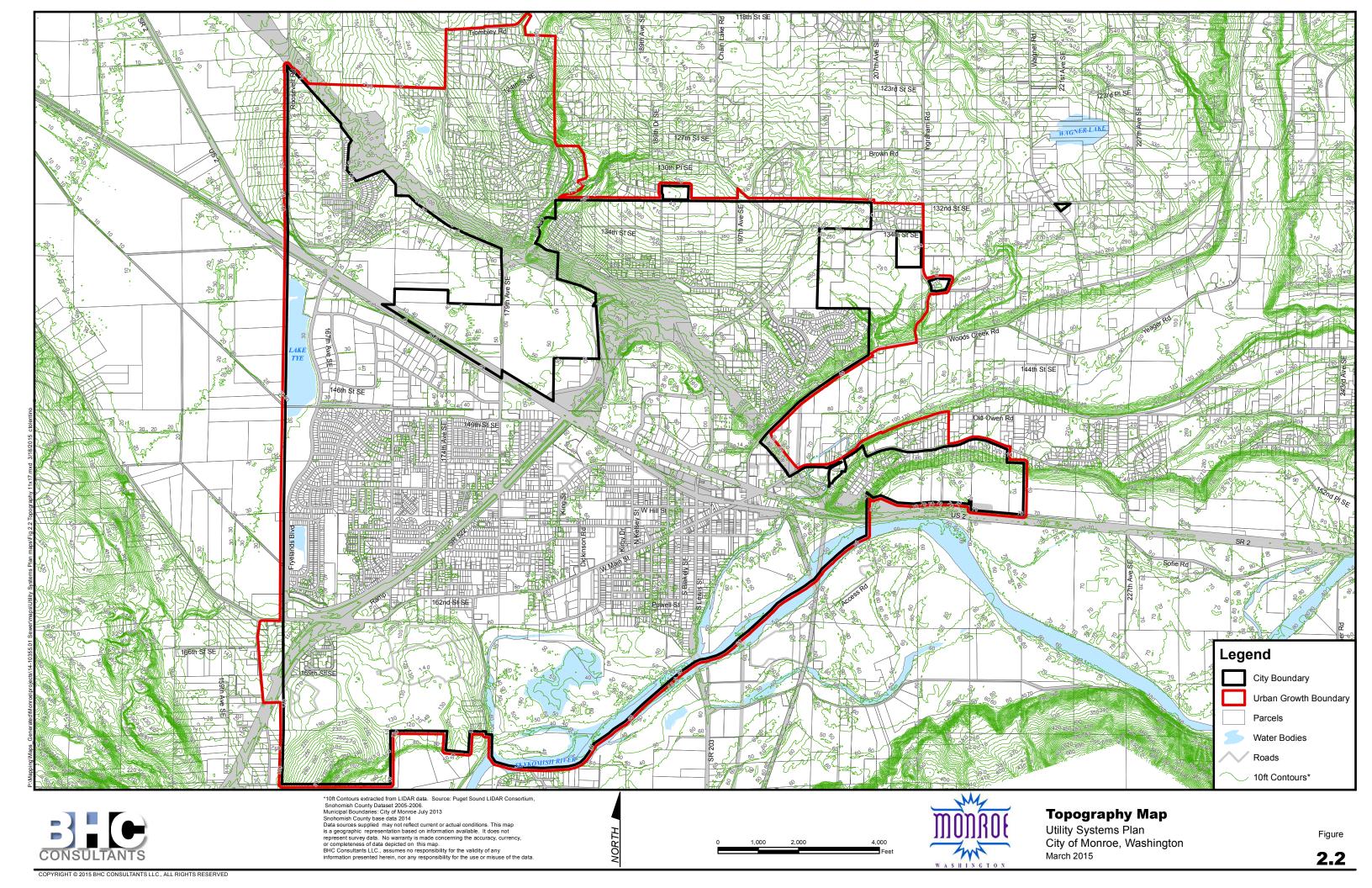
2.4 Service Area Characteristics and Topography

The City boundaries and the service areas lie entirely within Snohomish County. However, the service areas for the three utilities are varied and differ significantly. The delineation of the service areas for each of the utilities is presented in Chapter 3.

2.4.1 Topography

The geography of the City of Monroe is dominated by the Skykomish Valley outwash plain. The Skykomish valley is oriented east to west and is generally flat, with an elevation ranging from 30 to 80 feet above sea level. Figure 2.2 shows the topography of the Monroe area. The Skykomish River flows in a southwestern direction generally along the southern boundary of Monroe. A few miles southwest of the City, the Skykomish River merges with the Snoqualmie River to form the Snohomish River, which flows into Puget Sound between Everett and Marysville. Woods Creek flows into the Skykomish River through a narrow valley at the eastern end of the City.





The Rivmont Plateau, to the east of the City, is located between the Woods Creek valley and the Skykomish River valley, and rises abruptly to elevations of 200 feet. The service area includes several hills sloping upwards from the Skykomish River valley to the north, with maximum elevations of approximately 420 feet. The Monroe Correctional Complex is located on a knoll with a maximum elevation of 140 feet in the southwestern portion of the service area. At the extreme southwestern corner of the service area is a hill with a maximum elevation of 320 feet.

2.4.2 Water Features

Wetlands are found adjacent to the many creeks, small streams and lakes within the City service areas (see Figure 2.3).

Surface Water – The most dominant fresh water feature in the service area is Lake Tye which is located along the western boarder of the City Limits adjacent to the Frylands development. The lake has a surface area of approximately 38 acres.

Woods Creek bisects the southeastern corner of the City which enters the Skykomish River at the SR 203 bridge.

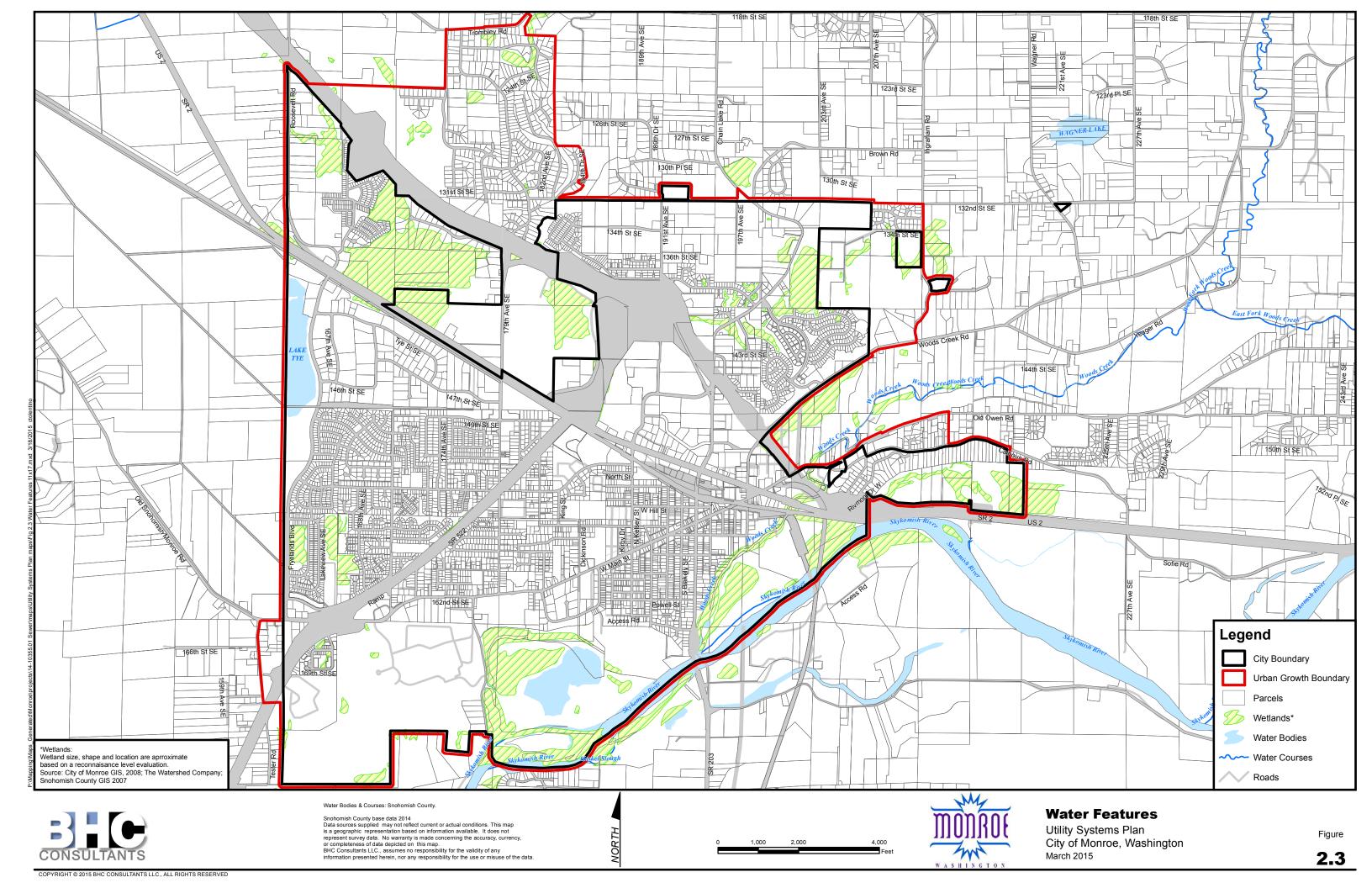
Groundwater – A study done in 1997 by the US Geological Survey found that 94% of the groundwater in South Snohomish County was considered soft to moderately hard. No appreciable widespread groundwater contamination was found at the time of the study.

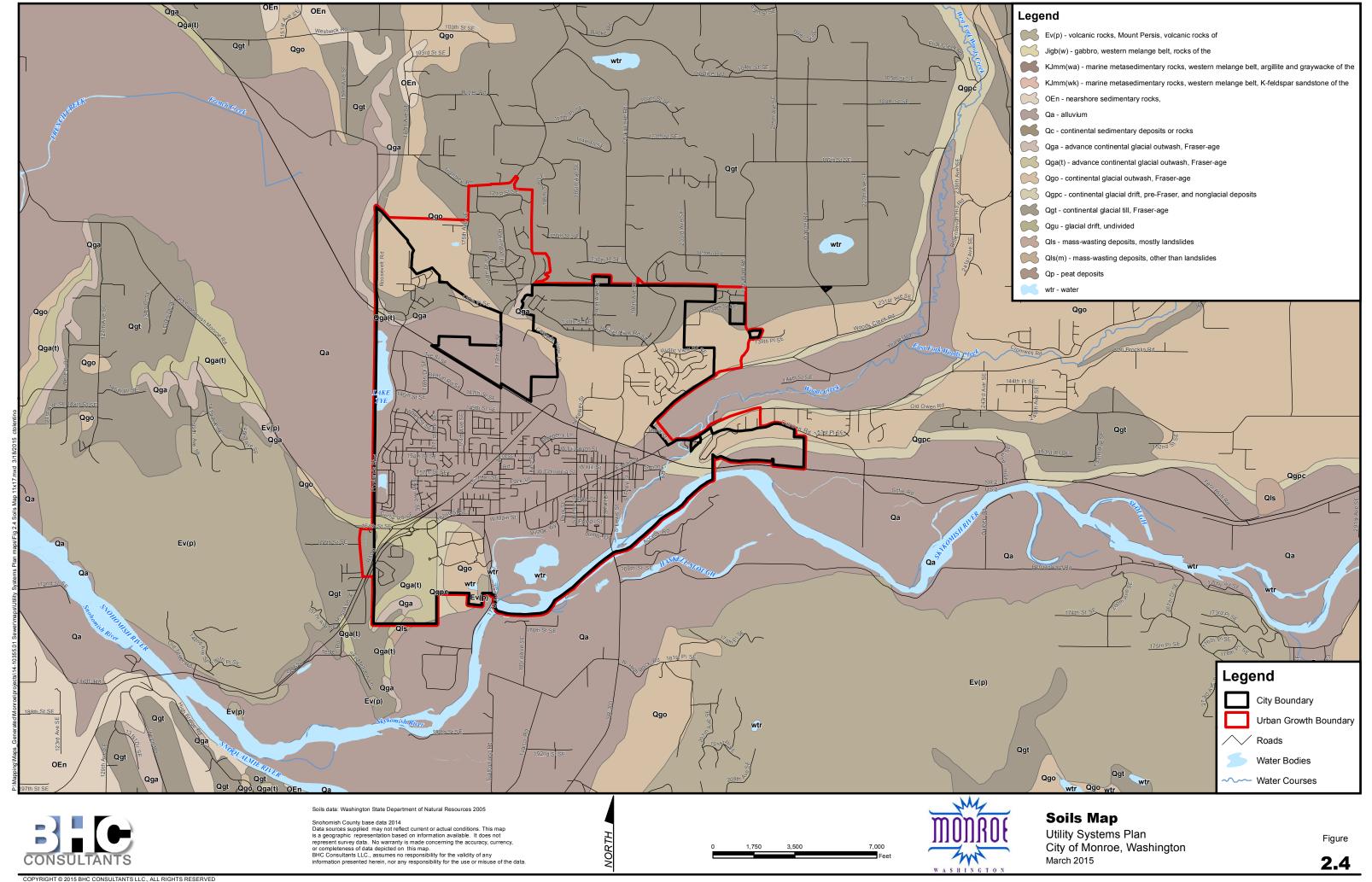
Concentrations of arsenic, iron and manganese were the most widespread groundwater problems in the area. The population growth in Snohomish County has increased dramatically in the last 10 years and has affected the quantity and the quality of groundwater. Most groundwater recharge in Snohomish County is from infiltration of precipitation, and impervious surfaces caused by increased development prevent infiltration. Consequently, less groundwater is becoming available as land development increases.

2.4.3 Geology

The retreat of glaciers at the end of the last ice age formed the rolling terrain characteristic of the City. Erosion and flooding of low lying areas during that period resulted in soil deposits of two primary classifications as identified by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, 2005. These soil types are described below and displayed on Figure 2.4.







The Skykomish River valley primarily consists of alluvial soils, at depths up to 100 feet. The primary soil type in central Monroe is an alluvial soil, with upper layers of silt loams and silty clay loams, with underlying very fine sandy loam or sand. The soil has moderately low permeability and during the winter has a high groundwater table (2 to 4 feet below grade). The western portion of the service area also contains a few areas with other types of alluvial soils, including some that are poorly drained.

The hills north of the City Limits consist of glacial till. Glacial till includes large rocks and pockets or streaks of sand and gravel. Glacial till is essentially impervious. The upper layers of soils are typically gravelly loam, underlain by hardpan or glacial till. Permeability through the hardpan is very slow, and a perched water table may occur during heavy rains in some areas.

The Rivmont plateau has primarily Everett gravelly sandy loam soils, which are somewhat excessively drained.

The southwest portion of the service area, including the Monroe Correctional Complex, consists of silt loam soils, which have low permeability. The service area includes soils that have the potential for commercial sand and gravel operations, especially near current and previous riverbeds, and on steep slopes.

Soil factors in the Skykomish River valley that may affect planning are the potential for flooding or poor drainage, especially in the western portion of the service area. Soil factors on the hills surrounding the valley that may affect planning include steep slopes and erosion/landslide potential. In addition, areas with glacial till have low permeability and some areas may not be suitable for septic tank drainfields.

2.5 City Extension Policies

Development of the City's Comprehensive Sewer Plan is currently guided by the Comprehensive Plans from the adjacent agencies.

The City's policy for services recognizes that its function is not to plan land uses for the service area but to respond to land uses planned by the land use planning agencies.

The public utility systems in the City may be extended by one of two methods, one being a developer extension agreement, where a developer, property owner or a group of property owners request and construct a sewer under the terms and conditions of a developer extension agreement. The second method is a Local Improvement District (LID) process following RCW 35.43.040 and 35.43.042, where a group of property owners petition the City to extend utilities to their area and then are assessed for the improvements.

It is the City's policy that the property owners desiring utility service initiate a request for service. After entering a Developer's Extension Agreement with the City, the proposed design will be reviewed by the City to ensure compliance with the standards and design criteria. All utility extensions shall follow the current version of the City of Monroe's design and construction standards and as defined in the City's "Developer Extensions Manual." Once the improvements have been constructed and confirmed through the City inspection to meet established standards, then it shall be deeded to the City.



The City Council has the authority to set policies, ordinances, and zoning. The City may find it necessary from time to time to reevaluate their policies based on Snohomish County land use, policies and ordinances.



Chapter 3 Land Use and Service Area

3.1 Service Area Description

The existing utility service area for the City can be described as comprising of two general areas, City of Monroe and Snohomish County. Aside from water associations or water districts, there are no other governmental jurisdictions in the service area.

Table 3-1 presents the service area of each of the three utilities and separates those service areas into portions within the corporate boundaries, outside the City Limits but within the UGA boundary and that portion that is outside the UGA boundaries. The 'total' acres shown are the ultimate service area.

| Table 3-1 Utility Service Area | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Sanitary Sewer Utility (acres) | Water System Utility (acres) | Stormwater Utility (acres) | | |
| Within Monroe Corporate Boundaries | 3,940 | 3,940 | 3,940 | | |
| Outside City Limits but within UGA | 953 | 450 | 0 | | |
| Outside UGA | 298 ¹ | 5,700 | 0 | | |
| Total Acreage | 5,191 | 10,090 | 3,940 | | |
| Notes: 1) Southwest Study Area | | | | | |

City of Monroe. The City of Monroe's municipal boundaries comprise of 3,940 acres. All of the Monroe corporate area is within the service area of the utilities. All of the area served by the sanitary sewer utility is collected and treated by the City's WWTP. Similarly, all of the City water customers are served with Monroe water purchased from Everett Public Utilities. The stormwater utility can be extended beyond the UGA, but currently no such extensions exist. The City both owns and maintains these portions of the system and is responsible for treatment, conveyance, distribution and storage.

Snohomish County. Portions of Snohomish County fall within the service areas of the utilities. Before providing sanitary sewer service to parcel outside the corporate boundaries, it is the City's policy to annex those parcels into the City. Extending sanitary service beyond the UGA boundary is allowed only under very unique circumstances. Water service is provided into Snohomish County. Stormwater service can be, but currently is not extended into Snohomish County.

3.2 Surrounding Vicinity Characteristics

3.2.1 Topography

Figure 2.2 shows the topography of the City and the surrounding areas. This figure also includes City's service area boundary and the corporate boundaries as described in Section 3.1.



The topography of the City ranges from flat and gently rolling to hilly, with a few steep slopes along the stream corridors. Wetlands, lakes and many creeks and small streams are found throughout the City.

3.2.2 Water Resources

The City's municipal water system provides service to the entire population within the City limits. The other residents outside the City limits are served by adjacent water purveyors as described in Chapter W 4.

All water supplied to the City customers is currently purchased from the Everett Public Utilities through the Sultan River source and is delivered from the Everett pipeline.

Interties are also provided as shown on Figure W 4.2.

3.3 Land Use

3.3.1 Growth Management Act

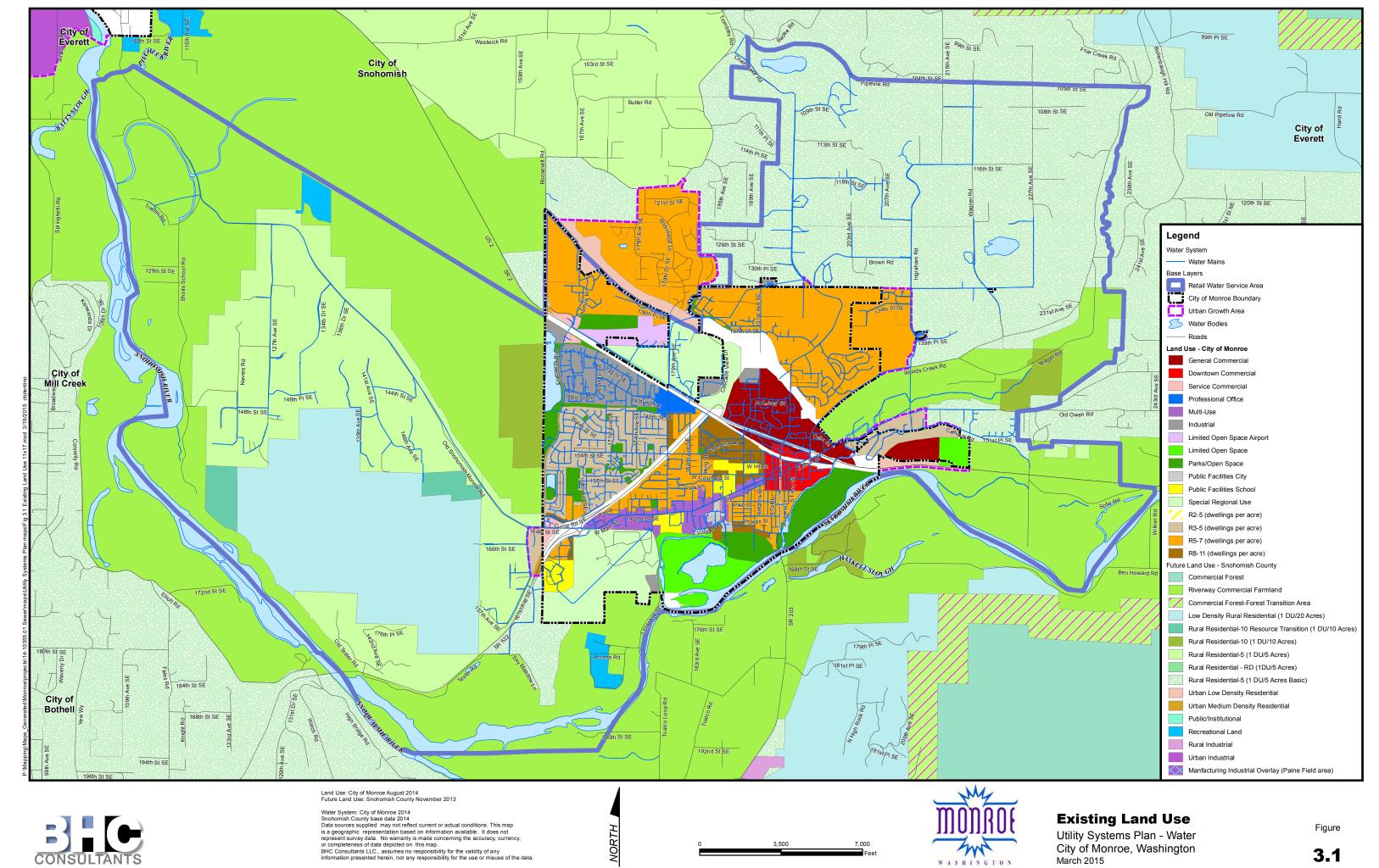
The State of Washington adopted the Growth Management Act with the intent of concentrating most new development and population gains within urban areas of the more populous and rapidly growing counties. These counties are required to define an urban growth boundary within which urban services like sewers are provided, and any new parcels created outside that boundary must be low density with sufficient acreage to support onsite sewage disposal systems conforming to State Health regulations.

The entire sanitary sewer service area is within the GMA boundaries of the City for urban development. Extending sewers beyond the GMA boundaries for essential governmental facilities and documented health hazard areas has not arisen. The Southwest Study Area is outside the GMA boundaries, and consequently is not included as part of the Service Area. Consideration of this area was investigated assuming a potential expansion of the GMA boundaries in the future.

The service area for water does not have the same limitations as sanitary sewer. Consequently, the water service does extend beyond the GMA boundaries.

Zoning within the City Limits area can be classified as commercial/industrial, low density multi-family, high density multi-family, single family, and undeveloped lands such as public right of ways, parks, and open space. These zoning areas are depicted in Figure 3.1. Low density multi-family zoning allows a variety of low-density, multi-family housing including townhouses, multi-family structures and attached or detached homes on small lots.





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3.4 Relationships with Adjacent Agencies

The issue of managing and coordinating which agency provides services can be an emotionally charged matter. Consequently, adjudicating such issues typically falls to a county-supported Board Review Board.

In Monroe's case, there are no adjacent agencies that can provide sanitary sewer service. The nearest provider is the City of Sultan. Neither Monroe nor Sultan extends sewer service beyond their GMA boundaries and consequently, there are no overlapping issues with neighboring agencies.

Stormwater utilities are typically provided by municipalities. Like the sanitary sewer service, the nearest stormwater utility is in the City of Sultan. Stormwater, even more than sanitary sewer service, is dictated by the topography. No adjacent municipalities have stormwater utilities that reach to the service area of Monroe.

Providing water service, however, is complicated by the fact that GMA limitations do not apply and the fact that there are several water districts or associations adjacent to Monroe's water service boundary. These water purveyors are presented on Figure W 4.4.

The adjacent water purveyors are listed below.

- Cross Valley Water District
- City of Snohomish
- Roosevelt Water Association
- Meadow Lake Water Association
- SnoPUD Integrated 2
- SnoPUD Integrated 3
- Highland Water District

3.5 Service Areas

3.5.1 Sanitary Sewer

Figure SS 4.1 shows the extent of the existing sanitary sewer system. This figure also shows the current Urban Growth Area (UGA). The UGA boundary establishes the line beyond which sanitary sewers cannot be extended.

The general policy that governs UGA is that urban type services are not to be extended beyond those limits. However, in certain circumstances this limitation can be modified and sewer service can be provided. In the case of documented Health Hazard areas or critical/essential governmental facilities, sewers can be provided beyond the UGA boundary.

3.5.2 Water

Figure W 4.2 shows the extent of the current water system. The water utility does not fall under the same UGA limitations as applied to the sanitary sewer system and consequently, the water utility reaches far beyond the UGA boundaries. This figure also shows the surrounding water purveyors in relation to the City's water service boundaries.



3.5.3 Stormwater

Within the corporate City limits, there are three main drainages. These three include the Woods Creek, Skykomish River and French Creek. The extent of these drainages reaches far beyond any corporate boundaries or UGA boundaries. Figure SW 4.1 shows some or all of the catchment area of these drainage basins.

